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APPLICATION

Inventor(s): HINSHAW et al.

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Title: METAL COMPLEXES FOR USE AS GAS GENERANTS

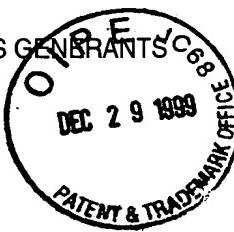
Asst. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit	3641
Examiner:	E. Miller
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M#	93-96-SE-CIP2

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(Our Order No. 8496 C# 244198 M#

Date: December 29, 1999



Sir:

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION DATED DECEMBER 21, 1999

This is a response to requirement for restriction in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. "Small Entity" statement(s) filed	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code
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2. Total Effective Claims	39	**minus	38	1	x \$18/\$9 =	+ 18
3. Independent Claims	5	***minus	5	0	x \$78/\$39 =	+ 0
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)			add	+ \$260/\$130 =	+ 0	104/204
5. Original due Date: January 21, 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo) (2 mos) (3 mos)	\$110/\$55 = \$380/\$190 = \$870/\$435 =		+ 0		115/215 116/216 117/217
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9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55 =	+ 0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee, or if Rule 97(d) Petition			add add	+ \$240 = + \$130 =	+ 0	126 122
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$760/380 =	+ 0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)				x \$760/380 ea =	+ 0	149/249
13. Petition fee for					+	
14.				TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =	\$18	

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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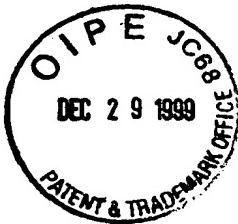
In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Group Art Unit: 3641

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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

--115. A gas generating composition as defined in claim 114, wherein the release agent comprises graphite, molybdenum sulfide, calcium stearate or boron nitride.--

REMARKS

Applicants respond to the Examiner's paper dated December 21, 1999 by confirming their prior remarks, namely their election of the Group I claims and more particularly the election of gas generating compositions containing a release agent (e.g. claims 85 or 115), at least one complex of a metal ammine (for instance, claims 86-89, 97 102 and 114), and, ultimately, a cobalt nitrate ammine.

Mold release agents described in the specification at page 21, lines 7-8 are now presented in new claim 115. Calcium stearate is an exemplary mold release agent for “election” purposes.

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